Claims

What is claimed is:

1. Multi-purpose Kitchen Utensil comprising:

a flat temperature resistant member that incorporates the elements of a standard spatula, a serrated knife and a grater;

a first and second pair of handle members releasably joined to each other at one end ;

said first handle member terminating at its opposite end in a scoop member;

said second handle member terminating at its opposite end in said flat spatula shaped member;

said handle members being foldable at said releasably joined junction so that said handles rest on top of each other and said flat spatula member rests intimately on the top perimeter of said scoop; and

said first and second handle members having recessed portions to allow for the storage of a plurality of kitchen tools .

2. Multi-purpose Kitchen Utensil as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an elastic cord member that attaches said first handle member to said second handle member to by means of an interlocking joint to removably retain said first and second handles from each other.

- 3. Multi-purpose Kitchen Utensil as claimed in claim 1 wherein said kitchen tools that are stored within said handle portions are pinned at one end within the said hollow portions of said handles so that said tools can swing out as needed.
- 4. Multi-purpose Kitchen Utensil as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a funnel member having a fine screened bottom that can nest into said scoop member do that said funnel can be used for retaining ground coffee or the like and said funnel member having opposing tabs at its top perimeter so that said funnel can be placed within a standard coffee cup and said tabs can hold said funnel in a suspended position within said coffee cup, one said tab terminating in a measuring spoon.
- 5. Multi-purpose Kitchen Utensil as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a salt and pepper shaker that are shaped to nest within said funnel member.
- 6. Multi-purpose Kitchen Utensil as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a storage case made of molded plastic, or alternately made of cloth such as a sewn pouch, each capable of removably retaining said multi-purpose utensil and additional items such as a basting brush, additional tool heads or a match box or the like.

- 7. Multi-purpose Kitchen Utensil as claimed in claim 1 wherein said kitchen tools stored within said handles include a cork screw, a bottle opener, a can opener and a vegetable peeler.
- 8. Multi-purpose Kitchen Utensil as claimed in claim 1 wherein said said flat spatula member can rest on the top perimeter of said scoop member so that the grater apertures located in said flat member can act as a strainer allowing liquid to pass through said apertures but not allowing food item such as small vegetables residing in said scoop to pass through.
- 9. Multi-purpose Kitchen Utensil as claimed in claim 1 wherein said flat spatula member can be turned over so that the flat tip of said flat member can touch the flat tip of said scoop thereby allowing the flat member and scoop member to act as a tong.
- 10. Multi-purpose Kitchen Utensil as claimed in claim 1 wherein said scoop member includes a plurality of raised ribs and associated indices located on the internal walls of said scoop so that said scoop can act as a measuring cup.
 - 11. Multi -purpose kitchen utensil as claimed in claim 1 wherein said utensil is

capable of assisting in performing the tasks of scooping, ladling, grating, cutting, whisking, mashing, basting, bottle opening, can opening, coffee making, peeling, measuring, straining scraping and cork removing.